

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1996-318-C – ORDER NO. 2005-33
JANUARY 28, 2005

IN RE:	Establishment of Fund to Address Revenue)	ORDER DESIGNATING
	Impact on Incumbent Local Exchange)	ADMINISTRATOR
	Carriers Electing to Reduce Toll Switched)	
	Access Rates)	
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on recognition that the funds constituting the Interim Local Exchange Carrier Fund (Interim LEC Fund) have now been physically transferred to the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS). Accordingly, we hereby appoint ORS as the Administrator of the Interim LEC Fund, subject to a further Order to be issued after we have fully considered the appropriate guidelines for appointment of that Agency as Administrator. ORS shall have full authority to assess, disburse, and perform all other ministerial functions connected with administering the Interim LEC Fund as may be appropriate, within the existing guidelines, until such time as this Commission issues a full Order on the issue in the near future.

Further, to resolve issues of confidentiality, all confidentiality agreements signed by the former Commission Staff members shall continue to be binding on those Staff members who were transferred to the Office of Regulatory Staff. It is not necessary for those Staff members to sign a new confidentiality agreement. However, we would note

that Order No. 96-882 required that the Commission and Commission Staff treat as proprietary the minutes of use information provided by the companies that will be utilized to derive contributions to the Fund. We hereby extend this directive to the members of the Office of Regulatory Staff. ORS shall treat this information as proprietary.

This Commission will issue a full Order further explicating these matters in the near future.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/
Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/
G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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